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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire on March 19, 2006. A petition for a one month extension of time through April 19, 2006 is being filed herewith; accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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